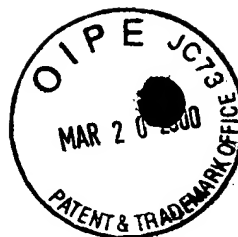


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated November 15, 1999, the amendments and remarks are provided:

Amendments

In the Claims

Please cancel claims ~~22~~, ~~25~~, ~~32~~, ~~34-39~~, ~~41-44~~, and ~~93~~.

Please amend claims 1, 46, 52, 121, and 122 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended)

A sensor control unit comprising:

a housing adapted for placement on skin and adapted to receive a portion of an electrochemical sensor extending out of the skin having a plurality of contact pads;

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